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For: **METHOD FOR TREATING AN EFFLUENT IN
THREE BIOLOGICAL STEPS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced application and calculation of the corresponding filing fee, the applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.